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## Make Trouble For Neighbors

Bad Boys Living At Foot Of Sixth Street Likely To Be Arrested.

Complaint has been made to the authorities of late that the children of a family living near the foot of Sixth street have given neighbors and passersby much trouble. The mother of the bad boys is now married to a second husband, and the children were born before the second marriage. The boys are said to have terrorized the neighborhood for some time, and the matter has been reported to the police. The parents have been notified that they must control their children, else the boys will be sent to the reform school.

Chief Hallock happened to drop in at a Portland court the other day when one of the boys was being tried for disorderly conduct. The prosecuting attorney stated that the lad was a terror in every sense of the word, but the court dismissed the case against him on the somewhat singular condition that he go to Astoria. The complaint paid this city by the Portland jurists is highly appreciated by the police and the neighbors who are having all the trouble.

Within the past six or eight months the police have succeeded in breaking up most of the gangs of bad boys in the different sections of the city, but there are still three crowds which cause trouble. One holds forth in the vicinity of the North Pacific brewery, another has recently operated around the Scow bay residence section, while the third has its rendezvous in the neighborhood of the Kinney cannery. The Untown gang gave much trouble for a while, but was finally broken up. This gang promised to take up with the sensational in horseplay, and it will be recalled that bad boys acquired the habit of pulling down the trolleys of passing cars as they ascended the steep hill which leads out of the west end. This piece of vandalism caused so much indignation that the gang was hunted down and dispersed. The Scow bay gang has lately quieted down, and if the police can round up the crowds that play pranks in the east end and near Kinney's cannery the city will be practically free from juvenile depredations.

### NEW LAWS IN EFFECT.

Garnahan's Road Measure Among Others In Force Tomorrow.

The Carnahan road bill, which was passed at the last session of the legislature, is among the new laws which become effective during the present week. The text of the bill has heretofore appeared in The Astorian. Sweeping changes are provided, the most notable being that road districts are permitted to levy taxes in about the same manner that school districts raise funds for school purposes. The law is the best of its kind ever framed. It becomes effective tomorrow.

Among the other laws effective after today is that regulating child labor. Under the terms of this law, the employment of children under the age of 14 is prohibited in factories, stores or workshops, or as messengers. The employment of children under 14 is prohibited during the hours when the public schools are in session. Children under 16 must not be employed before 6 a. m. or after 7 p. m., nor shall any child be required to work more than 10 hours daily. No child under 16 shall be employed during school hours unless he can read and write.

All death warrants signed after today must be executed within the walls of the state penitentiary. The law permits the presence of but few persons at executions and is one of the best measures passed by the last legislature.

Another new law effective tomorrow requires the county judges of the several counties to look into the financial condition of the near relatives of insane persons, who, if able, shall be required to pay to the state a monthly sum of \$10 for the maintenance of the patient. The marriage fee after today is \$3 instead of \$2.50 as formerly.

### THE MONK WAS NOT EASY.

While Norris & Rowe's big shows were exhibiting in San Francisco, Oscar who is one of their largest monkeys, managed to escape from his cage and elude his pursuers. He finally found refuge in a Chinese laundry. The wily celestial not recognizing him as a

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brother took flight in all directions, leaving him in full possession of the premises. It is needless to describe the condition of the interior when a policeman arrived on the scene. The officer taking matters in at a glance determined to catch the intruder. The monkey also saw the officer but he refused to receive him on terms of equality and went out through a window into the street where by this time a crowd had collected. "This is a cinch," said the policeman, as he reached for Oscar, but the monk had been there before, and darting through his legs started down the street at a rapid pace. Arriving at a safe distance he again stopped and began making faces at the officer. Even a policeman does not tolerate an insult, so he dashed on with new determination. At this moment a squad of policemen were in sight believing there was a riot and they joined in the chase eventually capturing him. The police force of San Francisco never had so exciting an experience and it is doubtful if they would enjoy such another.

### PRETTY HARD LUCK.

Two genuine hoboes were released from custody yesterday morning. The men were arrested on the 6th inst. and since been confined in the city jail. They were fined \$100 by Police Judge Anderson, who agreed to suspend sentence provided they left the city. They were unable to make a getaway until yesterday, when one of the men, G. McKinstry, succeeded in arranging for free transportation by rail. His pal, William Daly, had no such good luck, and when he was turned loose after breakfast in the morning it was with the understanding that he would commence a 100-mile tramp in an easterly direction.

Charles Mikula, who was sent to jail to serve out a 10-day sentence for disorderly conduct, was bailed out by friends, after a stay of two days. The man is in the government service at Fort Stevens, and gave the police much trouble. A pair of "dusters," or brass knuckles, that was found in his pockets, forms part of Chief Hallock's collection. It was suspected that Mikula was a deserter, but it transpires that he was away on a leave of absence.

### THE LATE MRS. MCGREGOR.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Elizabeth McGregor was held yesterday from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Stewart in Aberdeen, Wash., and the interment was in the cemetery there. Mrs. McGregor had been afflicted with an attack of paralysis and besides suffered from the effects of a fall sustained some weeks ago. The immediate cause of death was attributed to the fall. Mrs. McGregor came from Aberdeen, Scotland, her native city, a half a century ago and settled first in Ohio. Later she came west and has since resided in Aberdeen, Wash., or in this city. At the time of her death Mrs. McGregor was 84 years of age. Two daughters and one son survive her. They are Mrs. C. L. Parker of Portland, Mrs. Stewart of Aberdeen and W. F. McGregor, the prominent mill man of this city. A grandson, Albert Stewart, resided here some years ago.

### WILL SETTLE PARK MATTER.

At the next meeting of the Push club the committee to which was referred the question of disposing of the city park bought by the members will present what will doubtless be a final report. The club recently purchased a fine tract of land from C. W. Shively, and has paid about one-half the price agreed upon. It is understood that negotiations are under way for disposal of the club's interest in the park, and that the matter will be arranged within the next few weeks. It was originally intended that the park levy should be used to take the park site off the club's hands, but the Commissioners did not immediately carry out this intention. The park has been pretty much of a burden to the club the members of which have displayed rare enterprise in continuing to meet the payments due on it.

### SIX VESSELS OVERDUE.

Six vessels have been posted as overdue. The German bark Edna sailed from Port Ludlow for Port Pierre 125 days ago and reinsurance is quoted at 15 percent. The other ships that are anxiously looked for are the British bark Ednyfed, 32 days from Newcastle, Australia, for Salavarry; the French brigantine Boleldieu, 115 days from New York for Hong Kong; the British ship Samaritan, 120 days from Tampa for Yokohama. The C. H. Weltjen is offered for reinsurance at 35 percent, the Spes at 15 and the rest at 10.

### AUDITOR'S OFFICE CLOSED.

Auditor Anderson's office will be closed from this morning until Friday morning. The auditor is among the delegates to the grand lodge of Odd Fellows from this city, and at Monday night's meeting of the council he was granted a few days' leave of absence. During his trip the office will be closed. Yesterday the auditor distributed most of the warrants for claims allowed at the meeting of the council and the affairs of the municipality will not suffer because of the auditor's absence.

### NOTICE—A. H. S. ALUMNI.

A meeting of the Astoria high school alumni for the transaction of important business will be held at Mrs. McLean's residence Wednesday evening at 7:30 sharp. Geo. W. Barker.

## Police Receipts Are Very Heavy

Fines And Forfeitures For Present Month Promise To Exceed The Record.

Never before in the history of the police department have receipts been as heavy as during the first 19 days of the present month. The records of Chief Hallock show that fines and forfeitures up to the close of business last night aggregated \$406. The chief figures on \$450 more from gambling fines for this month, besides incidental fines, and it is likely the month's receipts will come up to those of August, 1901, when the collections reached the record total of \$1193.50. It is interesting in this connection to note that the police court receipts thus far during the present month are almost as great as for the entire month of May in former years. The greatest amount ever collected in May was \$697.50, in 1901. Only once during the history of the department have receipts for any one month exceeded \$1000, and that was in August, 1901.

The records of the department show that May is the month in which receipts become heavy—the starter of the lively season, as it were. This year's business is exceptionally good and receipts are in excess of previous years. The following statement shows the receipts for the first four months of the past three years:

Month	1901.	1902.	1903.
January	\$ 535 00	\$ 495 00	\$ 752 00
February	670 00	642 00	793 00
March	970 00	495 00	719 00
April	955 00	627 00	868 00

Totals .....\$2130 00 \$2260 00 \$3132 00

The receipts for May, 1901, were \$697.50 while last year they aggregated \$622.50. This year they will unquestionably total \$1100.

The heaviest receipts of the police department are usually during the months of June, July, August and September. The receipts for the first four months of the present year indicate that the year's total will be close to \$12,000. The best year in the history of the department was 1901, when \$9266 was collected. The police department at present entails an outlay of \$465 monthly or \$5580 a year. The surplus for 1903 will probably exceed \$6000.

### BIG TIMBER DEAL.

Eastern Capitalist Buys Three Thousand Acres Of Land.

Deeds were filed for record with the county clerk yesterday, which show one of the biggest land deals that has been consummated for some time in the lower Columbia district. In all 3000 acres of land are transferred.

The purchaser of this big tract is W. W. Bowman of Forrest, Pa. Mr. Bowman has been buying Clatsop county timber land for some time and his latest purchase brings his holdings up to 10,000 acres. The land last bought lies along the Klaskanle river and is among the finest timber land in the county.

Mr. Bowman has long been engaged in the sawmill business in Pennsylvania, but the supply of timber is exhausted. It is his intention to remove to the coast and build a large mill in this vicinity.

### CONTRACT NOT AWARDED.

Owing to a hitch in the awarding of the contract for supplying stone, work on the jetty will be delayed. The Northwest Construction company entered the lowest bid 91 cents per ton, and would have at once secured the contract for getting out 150,000 tons, one of the contracts, only the offer provided that it also be given the other contract, 450,000 tons. Before this is acceded to the matter must be referred to the war department for decision. Naturally if the department rejects the offer another call for bids must be made, unless the company modifies the offer, and such should be acceptable. The two contracts to have been awarded were for 150,000 and 450,000 tons respectively. The government intended by letting the smaller contract at once to get stone for early construction of the jetty.

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